rate will be prescribed rate of interest of 12 years of Government security for that particular financial year. An additional 1% interest subsidy will be given for projects in North Eastern Region.

(ii) The eligibility for funding has been linked to performance on agreed minimum milestones of reforms. Only those States, which perform statisfactorily with respect to the agreed milestones of the reform Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) entered into with the Ministry of Power and of the Action Plans to achieve commercial viability in accordance with the Reform programme, would be eligible for funding under AG&SP.

(iii) The coverage of AG&SP has been extended to projects financed by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC).

(iv) The scope of assistance under AG&SP scheme will be limited only to State Sector Generating and Renovation & Modernization (R&M) in Thermal and Hydel projects.

Bio-Gas Plants Financed by Government

*237. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the bio-gas plants, financed by Government, since January, 2001;

(b) the details of the subsidies extended to the companies and State Governments for setting up these plants, particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the details of the repayment made by these companies, State Governments and action taken on companies which have not repaid the loan amount since January, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANAPPAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Non Conventional Energy Sources provides financial support for biogas plants under (i) the National Programme on Energy Recovery from Urban and Industrial Wastes; (ii) The United Nations

Development Programme (UNDP)/Global Environmental Facility (GEF) assisted project on Development of High Rate Biomethanation Processes as means of Reducing Green House Gases Emission; and (iii) National Project on Biogas Development (NPBD). The State-wise details of biogas plants promoted under these programmes are given in Statement-I and II (*See* below). Financial support of up to 50% of the project cost, with an upper limit of Rs. 3.00 crore/MW, is provided for demonstration projects whereas interest subsidy for reducing rate of interest of 7.5% is provided for commercial projects under the National Programme on Energy Recovery from Urban and Industrial Wastes. Financial support of up to 50% of the project cost is provided for setting up demonstration projects based on high rate biomethanation processes taken up under the UNDP/GEF assisted project. The financial support is provided through State Nodal Departments/Agencies/NGOs or Financial Institutions/Banks. Details of financial support (subsidy) provided for setting up family type biogas plants are given in Statement III (*See* below).

(c) Government does not provide loans for setting up biogas plants and hence there is no question of any repayments.

Statement I

Details of Biogas Plants Promoted under National for Energy Recovery from Urban and Industrial Wastes and UNDP/GEF Assisted Project on Development of high rate Biomethanation Processes since January 2001

Name of State	Project Site	Capacity (Biogas m^3/day)	Total Project cost (Rs. in lakh)	Date of sanction	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada Municipal Corp. Vijayawada	1600	303.45	21.6.2002	227.58	22.75
Gujarat	M/s. Anil Starch Products Ltd. Ahmedabad	4800	301.64	23.1.2002	21.50	19.35

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maharashtra	M/s. Universal Starch Ltd., Dondaicha Dhule.	100000	200.58	31.3.2002	34.45	31.00
Punjab	Dairy Colony, Haebowal, Ludhiana	10000	1365.00	14.12.2001	682.00	409.72
Tamil Nadu	M/s. Varalakshmi Strach Industries Ltd., Salem	5000	359.60	14.8.2001	179.50	98.72
	M/s. Tamil Nadu News Print and Papers Ltd., Karuri T.N.	15000	384.14	26.4.2002	192.07	19.20
Uttar Pradesh	M/s. Asia Bio-energy Ltd., Chennai	55000	7300.00	14.8.2001	1500.00	1250.00
	M/s. Hind Agro Industries Ltd., Alligarh	4500	631.35	12.7.2001	315.67	113.34

Statement II

Number of family type biogas plants set up from January 2001 to October 2002

Name of State/UT	Number of plants installed
Andhra Pradesh	38152
Arunachal Pradesh	572
Assam	5922
Bihar	4781
Goa	109
Gujarat	15735
Haryana	3843
Himachal Pradesh	1198
Jammu & Kashmir	33
Karnataka	53430
Kerala	12829
Madhya Pradesh	23929

Name of State/UT	Number of plants installed
Maharashtra	21358
Manipur	33
Meghalaya	730
Mizoram	482
Nagaland	610
Orissa	23095
Punjab	9933
Rajasthan	1080
Sikkim	800
Tamil Nadu	4882
Tripura	371
Uttar Pradesh	23820
West Bengal	30755
Delhi	3
Pondicherry	34
Jharkhand	425
Uttarachal	1878
Chhattisgarh	3820
TOTAL :	284642

Statement III

Rate of Central subsidy given for setting up family type biogas plants under NPBD through the State nodal agencies during the year 2001-02 *and continued during* 2002-03

Category	Amount of Central subsidy per plant
North Eastern Region States and Sikkim (except plain areas of Assam)	Rs. 11,700/-
Plain areas of Assam	Rs. 9,000/-
Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal (excluding Terai region), Nilgiris of Tamil Nadu; Sadar Kurseong and Kalimpong sub-divisions of the Darjeeling district (WB), Sunderbans, Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Rs. 3,500

Category	Amount of Central subsidy per plant
Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, desert districts, small and marginal farmers, landless labourers, Terai region of Uttaranchal, Western Ghats and other notified hilly areas.	Rs. 2300/-
All Others	Rs. 1,800/-

Closure of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., KGF

*238. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees of Bharat Gold Mines Limited, KGF who lost their jobs due to closure of the above organisation;

(b) whether Government have taken steps to rehabilitate those who lost their jobs; and

(c) if so, the details of the rehabilitation programmes taken up by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The total number of employees in the company prior to the date of closure, *i.e.* 1.3.2001 was 3556. However the matter of winding up under Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985/closure under Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 of the company is *sub-judice* before High Court of Karnataka because of the litigation started by the employees. The Government has been offering Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) and Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) from time to time. Even after closure order effective from 1.3.2001 the Government has introduced Special Terminal Benefit Package (STBP) for one month in October 2002. The STBP allowed the erstwhile employees an option to choose either Heavy Industry package of Gujarat package of voluntary separation on the lines of the package offered in December, 2000. The employees opting for STBP were also offered hutments at reasonable price. Prior to the closure of the company, BGML was giving re-training to the rationalised employees for gaining alternative employment as part of its rehabilitation efforts. From the financial year 2001-02, the Government has started a scheme for counselling re-training and redeployment of the rationalised employees of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) on their separation due to VRS/VSS or retrenchement.